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### THE DIAGRAM.

man who told a supposedly meritorious stolidity. In anneyance he remarked: Well, the good Lord gave me sense enough only to tell you this story, not

parody of well-known facts so open and grotesque, that it appeared impossible in Caroline last year, at a total valuation of \$369, while in Charlotte there that anybody should fail to grasp it, least of all the Index-Appeal. Nor, is about five times as large as Roasince the remarks in this paper were noke, but returns only \$57 watches, speech, was it possible to note in valuation of the watches in Richmond Index-Appeal introduced when the Roanoke (\$19,299 to \$32,784). Bland speech was delivered several hours af- county is not the poorest county in

rary desires its columns to reflect perno doubt that it will take the first opportunity to amend the impression

In facing the question of tax reform people of certain sections of the State and onerous. recting the evil and remedying the

The real state of affairs can best be seen from a comparison of some receints from taxation. Thus, the entire returns from the taxation of personal property in the whole State during the fiscal year 1997-08 amounted to only \$473,286.73, which is not much

of government. In other places the people, as Mr. Brown remarks, as

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By Times-Dispatch Carrier Delivery Ser- taxation is \$23.37; in James City counby Times-Dispatch Carrier Delivery Service in Richmond (and suburbs), Manchester and Petersburg—

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ty, adjoining, the average per acre valuation is \$4.50. Northampton and One Week. Accomac counties adjoin; land is as-county is not the richest in the State, but how many farmers are there in that county who would sell out their holdings at the assessed rate of valuation-\$2.79 per acre?

erty tax is even more ridiculous, and Some one has an anecdote about a plustrates to a nicety the farce of present assessment. A few examples stery to another man, only to have will prove the point. Buchanan, Rushis endeavors received with absolute sell, Tazewell and Dickenson are four adjoining counties in Southwestern Virginia, yet the average valuation of horses and mules in Tazewell county enough to make you appreciate it." horses and mules in Tazeweil country

It would appear that the Petersburg is but 56 per cent, of the average s sentence recently appearing in these the average valuation is \$28; in which it terms an "innu- Buchanan, \$40; in Russell, \$38, and in and which it describes as hav- Dickenson, \$50. Patrick county is not ing been proven "false and malicious" much more remote from market than by events happening after this sen- the adjoining county, Henry; yet in was written. The suggestion Henry hogs are returned at an averthat Judge Mann had publicly singled age valuation of \$4.75 and in Patrick out for rebuke the Index-Appeal, his at an average of \$1.50. The people of oremost friend among the newspapers Caroline county are about as wealthy of the State, was an incongruity as the people of Charlotte, and by the thought to carry its own patent con-tradiction with it. Scriously done, the tradiction with it. Seriously does thing was unthinkable. But the satire thing was unthinkable. But the satire was so broad, the irony so gross, the was so broad, the irony so gross, the taken from a manuscript copy of the as against Roanoke's 3,406, though the them interpolations gratifying to the was more than half the valuation in the State, nor are its citizens known This annotation and diagram are for any peculiar lack of ostentation,

furnished on the theory that the Inverteur vet, according to the tax returns, there dex-Appeal's understanding was at was only \$25 worth of jewelry and fault. Assuming that our contempo- plate in the county last year. Patrick county returned only \$53 in the same fect accuracy in statement, we have class. Norfolk is about three times as large as Danville, and its bank clearings are second only to those of Richmond. Nevertheless, its tax-payers reported only \$62,580 deposited in THE ASSESSMENT OF TAXES: SOME banks and like corporations, while \$250,230 is returned from Danville.

the people of Virginia meet with two from hundreds like them, is conclusive difficulties: the tax laws are bad and Either through negligence of the com laws is worse. The people fully realize through the false reports of tax-paythe first of these difficulties and are ers, the State is losing much revenue demanding that the next Legislature that should be paid into the Treasury revise the tax code of the State. Great We believe, upon good evidence, that the problem is not solved until the books were rigidly enforced, the peopresent system of assessing and col- ple of Virginia would not have to keep lecting taxes is so modified as to se- on their books the many minor tax cure uniformity and equality. If the laws, which are becoming burdensome knew how unjust and inequitable the taxes be levied equally and at full present assessments of taxes are, they valuation. Is this being done in Virwould demand immediate steps for cor- ginia? The figures speak for them-

aluation. Is this being done in aluation. Is this being done in the selves.

BACK TO OLD VIRGINIA.

No State in America offers such great opportunities for intelligent farmers as Virginia. Like the false mirage of the desert there have been in thousands and thousands of misguided thousands and thousands of misguided thousands and thousands who have the commodities which they respectively produce.

West important group of South false from the commodities which they respectively produce.

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only \$473,286.75, which is not much more than half the amount of taxes and paid by the ralliford companies into the State Treasury during the same periods (\$786,54.17). Again, the entire returns from the income tax, for the whole state treasures are accompanies for the support of the same captures of how to the same captures of how the same captures of the same captures of how the same captures of t bear their just part of the expenses droughts and blizzards. The Eastern commissioner wishes to maintain his caught by the word "ranch," which

While this is going on in the West, and while thousands who have been caught are trying to make buckle and tongue meet, and with such pain are working out their salvation, Virginia enjoying a prosperity which would flood America with pamphlets and circulars, were Virginia west of Denver instead of east of the Alleghanies.

ncreased from \$10,300,000 to \$30,000,000. Virginia's truck crop has increased forest products have increased from \$3,800,000 to \$10,000,000. The live stock, which was worth \$42,000,000 in 1900, is worth nearly double as much to-day. The total output of mines and farms in Virginia has increased in the last 000,000. No wonder that farmers are prosperous; no wonder that farm lands are increasing in value and country banks in deposits; no wonder the counties are levying greater taxes for schools and greater taxes for roads. It would appear that the Petersburg valuation in Dickenson. In Tazewell The wealth upon which such undertakings are necessarily based has been created and developed right here in created and developed right here in Teacher of Elocution (excitedly): "Too Virginia, and so far only a beginning has been made. In point of climate than that. Try again. Now! Open your and soil, proximity to markets, free-transcript, dom from droughts and blizzards, earthquakes and cyclones, Virginia enjoys

West may not be seen by every farm- Merciful. er in the State, but the spirit of bet-ter times, of larger outlook and more ter times, of larger outlook and more in y new play will be produced to-night, and i want you to treat me as well as you er in the State, but the spirit of betsuccessful effort is in the air, and can,"

The Critic: "Sure! I won't print a word about it,"—Cleveland Leader. years, every indication points to the The Whole Truth. years, every indication points to the fact that Virginia will in agriculture make even greater progress in the next decade; and when once the farmers have begun to amass not only see the other."—Philadelphia Inquirer. wealth, but knowledge of better meth- A Bad Record. ods of agriculture, the value of farm lands in rural Virginia will increase even more rapidly than the value of farm output.

Virginia is just at the beginning of Hard to Convince. ner agricultural development.

Colonel Theodore Roosevelt has sold his horse Roswell to Secretary Balling-er. It should be borne in mind that this was not one of the horses that Colonel Roosevelt had on Congress.

According to reports, various coment works are trying to merge themselves into a trust. We know a reason why they ought to be able to stick to-gether, but not for worlds would we ention it.

President Taft "ventures to sug-gest" things to Congress! Well, ain't he the mollycoddle! Well, ain't

Opinions vary so enormously that we have little doubt that some per-cons actually think well of the Wash-ington weather.

We think our comrades ought to stop we think our commands the work who cking the new tariff bill. As long as they can import refined bauxite for only half a cent a pound, what kick have they got coming?

"In New York," declares the Nor folk Virginian-Pilot, "stealing is a fine art." But would our friend contend that all New Yorkers have been to

## Borrowed Jingles.

AT OUR BOARDING HOUSE.

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I think I could stand the stored eggs and
raw hacen,
And I wouldn't object to the seft pewter
specons;
I could hope, though the platter so seldem
has stank on,
And I'd even be cheerful in spite of the
prunes,
If the fellow who sits at the head of our
table

And owns a low brow with a southerly sinting not think himself the most palpably shit

And suavely delectable joker extant. I think I could stand without ever com-plaining.
The frayed and soiled linen, the cracked plates and cups.
The mustache the man next to me uses for straining.
The tentative soup he suspiciously sups.
If the bride and the groom could be bravely contented.

To "baby" each other when they were

alone;
If they'd cease to perform as if each were
demented,
The scorn I exhibit should never be
shown,

I think I could stand the detestable cooking,
And I wouldn't object to the damsel who
beings—
In spite of her voice she is rather good
looking,
Which makes up for many regrettable

things-ld worry along, I believe, without carping if the landlady'd give up her kittenish

ways
And cease now and then to come plaintively harping
On the fact that she once had seen much better days.

—Chicago Record-Herald,

## MERELY JOKING.

Acrobatic Elecution.

quakes and cyclones, Virginia enjoys advantages which are surpassed by no State in the Union, and in the aggregate not equaled by any.

Mr. Brown's observations on the I drown a heap of bad,"—Chicago News,

Joskins; "His record is the worst own."
Hoskins: "What is his business?"
Joskins: "Weather clerk."—Evening Joskins; Bulletin,

of government. In other places the commissioner wishes to maintain his position and to be sure that the community does not bear more than its part of the tax. Hence he generally assesses it at far less than the real value. This difficulty is not peculiar to Virginia, for m Ohio and in New Manuelland and in New Manuelland assessment is found in every Biate of the Union.

A few recent examples will best in shirting their just proportion of taxes and placing it on the rest of the State.

New York Editor Thinks Human Life in South Not So Chean.

New York could not convict Thaw or Hain, but Tennessee has convicted Coinsel Cooper and his son Robin for Coinsel Cooper and his son Robin for Coinsel Cooper and his son Robin for the murder of former Senator Carmack, and the jury was a compromise, in which full consideration was given to the heat and passation was given to the corporation Commission entored the Corporation Commission and the State have both been and take the take the Corporation Commission and the State have been delians, but Tennessee has convicted Coinse Union.

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# The Courts of Europe

By La Marquise de Fontenoy.

An Appeal for Auclent Prayer.

If all the extraordinary appeals addressed to the British cabinet in Parliamont, about the most remarkable to one which has just been put forward by Sir John Benn, the morber for Decembert, ask-ing that to the liturgy of the state Church of England sholid be restored the prayer originally included therein, and which has to such an extent fallen into disuse that few of the present generation are aware that it ever extend in the disuse that few of the present generation are aware that it ever extend in the disuse that few of the present generation are aware that it ever extend in the disuse that few of the present generation are aware that it ever extend in the disuse that few of the present generation are aware that it ever extend for any to the few of the present generation are aware that it ever extend in the disuse that few of the present generation of any had been distincted in the state of the few of the present generation of any had been distincted in the distinct of the few of the present generation of the few of

priced insanitary tenements in the siums of the Empire City.

It is easy to understand why the prayer should have fallen into disuse in England, for in the seventeenth, and especially in the eighteenth century, the parish clergy were wholly dominated by the great nobles and territorial magnates owning the advowsons, and, moreover, were recruited from men of an inferior class, and of less education and independence of character than is the case to-day. They considered it, therefore, politic to desixt when informed by their patrons that the latter objected to be prayed at as rack-renters, not only on every Sunday, but on weekdays, at matins and vespers.

Ward Iaw Decision's Effect.

The reasoning of the court in reaching the decision is certainly sound. The legislative department of sovernment is competent to name a special electorate for value elections. In voling a bond issue, only those who are owners of real property can be election and it is in keeping with the fitness of elections. In voling a bond issue, only those who are owners of real property can be election and it is in keeping with the fitness of considered it, therefore, politic to desixt when informed by their patrons that the latter objected to be prayed at as rack-renters, not only on every Sunday, but on weekdays, at matins and vespers.

So much has been printed in the cable dispatches concerning the Sack-ville-West cause celebre, which has lately been engaging the tribunals at Madrid, and I have so frequently discussed the case in these letters, that I will merely content myself by drawing attention to one point, of which sight seems to have been entirely lost. No matter whether it be ultimately decided by the Spanish courts that the danseuse Pepita was still married or not to the male professional dancer Oliva at the time when she was living with the late Lord Sackville, the fact remains that no trace can be found of any marriage ever having taken place between herself and Lord Sackville. Europe has been searched from one end to the other for the purpose of discovering evidence that some such ceremony occurred. Parish registers and municipal records by the thousand have been examined, and large rewards offered for proofs of, or even clues to, the existence of the latter. But it has all been without avail. It seems perfectly clear that Lord Sackville, though he lived with Pepita as his wife, and even legally recognized himself in France as the father of some of the younger children which she bore to him, never went through any ceremony of marriage with her, either civil or ecclesiastical.

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quasi-rebellion against the Sublime Porte.

If the Kaiser were at Corfu, he would be exposed to unwelcome and unannounced visitations by the ruler of Montenegro and by his sons, by Servian emissaries and by Albanian leaders, which would place him in a most embarrassing postion with regard to his allies at Vienna and good (riends at Constantinople. Besides this, there are alterations in progress at Achilleion, which will not be completed until later in the year, and, if all goes well, Emperor and Empress will make a long solourn there with their younger children early next spring en route to Jerusalem, where they propose to spend Easter, and to preside at the dedication of the new German hostel erected by the Kaiserin on land presented to her for the purpose by the Sutan. (Copyright, 1309, by the Brentwood Company.)

# Voice of the People

provinces of Turkey, are in a state of quasi-rebeillon against the Sublime Porte.

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With Judge Rhea in Rate Case.

As it now stands, the raitroads are permitted to charge more for travel, and the public is not protected against their inconvenient and unjust conditions and limits to the public is not protected against their inconvenient and unjust conditions and limits to the public is not protected against their inconvenient and unjust conditions and limits to the public is not protected against their inconvenient and unjust conditions and limits to the public is not protected against their inconvenient and unjust conditions and limits to the public is not protected against their inconvenient as grant trail. The dauty is reduced to the author to persecution for witcheraft. To-day it is realized. What the sagar trust is reduced at the again their beat and the word that sagar trust. The dauty is reduced at the sagar trust is reduced at the compact that the sagar trust. The dauty is reduced at cent, or 1 cent on twenty pounds. This is trust "busting" with a vengeance."

Newport News Daily Press.

Treederleksburg and the Ward Law.

The decision will undoubtedly meet with the public is not provided the approval of a considerable majority of the qualified veters of the town. We hope and believe that those who are disappointed in the outcome of the courts which has been waged to times, will cheering the public of the court in reaching the approval of a considerable majority of the qualified veters of the town, we hope and believe that those who are decision by the court. The decision is the property can participate, and it is eminently proper that the state of the town of the courts of the court of

That there are profound mysteries surrounding these things should in nowise startle us; the mysteries bereare no greater than those which surround the common but inscrutable fact of life.

These comments are made with no feeling of resentment toward Dr. Taylor nor effort to suppress his individual belief, but at least to say a word for the other side.

W. ASBURY CHRISTIAN.

Richmond, March 18.

Legal Butchering of Rebins.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

Sir,—In your recent admirable editorial under the caption, "Save the Robins," you give the impression that the slaughter of robins is against the law, which is somewhat in error. See section 2070a, as revised by Acts 1908, page 255, wherein robins are classed among the game birds and protected from April 1 to February 15, but during the open season, i. e., from February 15 to April 1, when they have just arrived from the South in great numbers, they are shot with impunity.

The law would seem to have been framed to give robins as little protection as possible.

"LEX."

Howardsville, Va., March 17.

